

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 15 and 18 have been amended by this Response. Claim 13 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 17 and 20 have been cancelled, and claims 21-22 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-16, 18-19 and 21-22 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-14 have been allowed. Claims 15-16, 18-19 and 21-22 are at issue herein.

Claims 15 and 18 stand rejected under § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,701,542 to Marbach ("Marbach"). Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections for at least the following reasons.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Prince for granting a phone interview with the undersigned on May 4, 2005. The amendments made herein to claims 15 and 18 were discussed during the phone interview. The Examiner indicated that the amendments made to claims 15 and 18 placed them in condition for allowance over Marbach.

Accordingly, the claim amendments made herein were agreed upon during the phone interview as overcoming the Examiner's rejections. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome, and respectfully requests withdrawal thereof.

Additionally, enclosed please find three (3) sheets of formal drawings containing Figs. 1-4. Please substitute the enclosed formal drawings for the informal drawings in the application. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

For at least the above-identified reasons, Applicant submits that pending claims 1-16, 18-19 and 21-22 are allowable over the prior art of record. Allowance and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

It is believed that this Response requires no fee. However, if a fee is required for any reason, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-4553 the necessary amount.

If any matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by phone to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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